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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION: APRIL 26, 1300 HOURS LOCAL

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1. REACTION TO COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN'S DECLARATION.
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ON APRIL 26 PARLIAMENTARY BLOC LEADERS APPROVED A SLIGHTLY
AMENDED VERSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN'S APRIL 23
COMMUNIQUE. THE CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC GROUPING ENDORSED THE
COMMUNIQUE. THE PLO CRITICIZED IT, AND WALID JUMBLATT
WAFFLED. THE FULL CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL CONSIDER THE
COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 27 (SEPTELS).

2. BASHIR ORDERS MILITIA OFF STREETS.

BASHIR GEMAYEL, COMMANDER OF THE LEBANESE FRONT'S MILITIA FORCES, ON APRIL 24 CALLED ON ARMED MILITIA TO AVOID "ARMED MANIFESTATIONS" IN "UNTROUBLED PARTS" OF LEBANON. HE SAID THAT SUCH RESTRAINT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF CURRENT INITIATIVES TOWARD ACHIEVING NATIONAL ACCORD. HE ALSO SAID THAT "THE NEED FOR MILITIA WOULD BE ELIMINATED AS SOON AS THE LEBANESE ARMY WAS BUILT AND ARMED PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IS ENDED."

3. SITUATION IN BEIRUT.

BEIRUT IS CALM AND THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN AYN AR-RUMMANAH AND SHIYAH REMAINS OPEN. DESPITE BASHIR'S CALL, HOWEVER, EMBOFF ON APRIL 25 OBSERVED A FEW ARMED CHRISTIAN MILITIA STANDING GUARD IN AYN AR-RUMMANAH.

4. FRENCH SOLDIER KILLED.

A. A FRENCH UNIFIL SOLDIER WAS KILLED THE EVENING OF APRIL 23 NEAR THE UN OUTPOST AT TAYR DIBBAH, FIVE KILOMETERS EAST OF TYRE. FRENCH COMMANDER JEAN SALVAN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT TO THE AFP. THE SOLDIER, A 26-YEAR OLD CORPORAL, WAS LEADING A FIVE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MAN ADVANCE PATROL WHEN HE REPORTED "ARAB PALESTINIAN FORCES." HEAVY ANTI-TANK AND MACHINE GUNNING THEN BROKE OUT, AND WHEN THE CORPORAL SOUTH COVER, HE STEPPED ON A FLARE MINE HE HIMSELF HAD PLANTED. (FYI: THE FRENCH TROOPS HAVE LAID A SERIES OF SUCH FLARE MINES AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL RECENT INCIDENTS OF FIRING ON THEIR POSITIONS. END FYI.)

B. COLONEL SALVAN SAID HE HAD MADE A PERSONAL PROTEST TO THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE IN TYRE. THE FRENCH CORPORAL WAS THE SECOND UN SOLDIER TO DIE IN SOUTH LEBANON; THE FIRST WAS A SWEDE WHO TRIGGERED A MINE ON MARCH 29. PARKER

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